



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

"Parks Make Life Better!"

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVE THE REQUEST TO SUBMIT FUTURE GRANT APPLICATIONS
AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The recommended actions will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to submit future grant applications and accept grant funds from the LA84 Foundation and Community Development Commission.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the proposed actions not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act, because the actions do not meet the definition of a project for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the Project.
2. Approve the request to submit future grant applications to the LA84 Foundation through June 30, 2018.
3. Approve the request to submit future grant applications to the Community Development Commission through June 30, 2018.
4. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, as agent of the County, to accept grant funds from the LA84 Foundation and the Community Development Commission, implement the program, conduct negotiations and submit documents, including, but not limited to, the agreement, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the program through June 30, 2018.

5. Delegate authority to accept grant funds for park improvements or programs valued at no more than \$50,000 from other agencies such as the California Recreation and Parks Association and the National Recreation and Parks Association, government entities and non-profit organizations, and execute documents including, but not limited to, agreements, amendments and payment requests, upon approval as to form by County Counsel, which may be necessary for the completion of the project through June 30, 2018.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to submit future applications and accept grant funds from the LA84 Foundation (Foundation) and Community Development Commission (CDC). This will promote efficiencies by enabling the Department to complete applications and accept grant funds as opportunities become available.

Both funding agencies offer year-round opportunities for programs relevant to the Department's mission in providing quality recreational opportunities that promote a healthy lifestyle and strengthen the community through diverse physical, educational and cultural programming. The Foundation provides funding for various sports programs through a surplus fund from the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games. Their mission is to serve youth through sports and to increase their knowledge of sports and its impact on people's lives. Examples of programs funded by the Foundation include basketball, volleyball, and soccer clinics, and swimming and synchronized swim. The CDC administers the Community Development Block Grant, which provides recreational and educational funding for low to moderate-income citizens. Examples of programs funded by CDC include computer clubs, summer camps and tiny tots.

In addition, these actions will allow the Department to accept grant funds for park improvements no more than \$50,000 from various agencies such as the California Parks and Recreation Association and the National Recreation and Parks Association, government entities and non-profit organizations. When funding opportunities become available, the Department will be able to timely submit applications; and, when awarded, the grant agreement can be executed within the specified time required, which is generally 30-days.

Approval of the recommended actions will promote efficiencies by streamlining the grant acceptance process.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These actions support the Countywide Strategic Plan (Goal 1) Operational Effectiveness, by maximizing the effectiveness of process, structure and operations to support the timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public service.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Approval of the recommended actions will not have an impact on net County cost. The grant funding will offset costs for staff, services and supplies.

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

Based on the recommended actions, the Department does anticipate some additional operating costs which would vary depending on the proposed project or program. Upon the acceptance of grants or improvements, the Department will ascertain any additional operating costs and work with the Chief Executive Office to determine the appropriate year and level of funding in which to submit a New Facilities Request.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Department will be required to comply with the provisions of the grant agreement from the various funding agencies.

County Counsel has approved this Board Letter as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Section 15378 (b)(4)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines because the actions are administrative activities for government grants which by their terms do not involve any commitments to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of these actions will not have any impact on current services or programs.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Parks and Recreation. Should you have any questions please contact Faith Parducho at (213) 738-2811 or fparducho@parks.lacounty.gov, Vanessa Paniagua at (213) 738-2986 or vpaniagua@parks.lacounty.gov, or Kaye Michelson at (213) 738-2955 or kmichelson@parks.lacounty.gov.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", with a stylized, flowing script.

RUSS GUINEY

Director

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c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel